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SUBJECT: PRG LIAISON OFFICE IN GENEVA

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1. DURING CALL ON AMBASSADOR KELLER (DIRECTOR, IO DIVISION),
EMBOFF ASKED ABOUT LIMITATIONS IMPOSED ON PRG OFFICE MEMBERS
AND HOW VIOLATIONS WOULD BE HANDLED. KELLER SAID THAT ONLY
RESTRICTION IS THAT THEY CONFINE THEIR ACTIVITIES TO
HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS, THOUGH HE ADMITTED THIS WOULD BE
DIFFICULT TO DEFINE. KELLER SAID THAT PRG OFFICE MEMBERS
WOULD BE ABLE TO CONTACT NOT ONLY UN-RELATED HUMANITARIAN
OFFICES SUCH AS WHO, BUT NON-GOVERNMENTAL INSTITUTIONS SUCH
AS ICRC AS WELL.

2. KELLER SAID THAT THUS FAR PRG LIAISON OFFICE
STAFF MEMBERS HAVE ADOPTED LOW POSTURE AND "BEHAVED
THEMSELVES." IF THERE IS VIOLATION OF AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH
PRG WAS PERMITTED TO BE SET UP IN GENEVA, PRIMARY
RESPONSIBILITY FOR REINING THEM IN OR EVEN DECLARING
THEM PERSONA NON GRATA WOULD REST WITH WINSPEARE.
IN KELLER'S VIEW, PRG OFFICE MEMBERS ARE ACCREDITED TO
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UN OFFICE, THUS LOGICAL THAT UN WOULD BEAR PRIMARY

RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRG'S BEHAVIOR.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH SWISS MAY PROD WINSPEARE IF GROSS VIOLATION OF UNDERSTANDING THAT PRG LIAISON OFFICE PERSONNEL WILL CONFINE ACTIVITIES TO "HUMANITARIAN" QUESTIONS COMES TO PUBLIC ATTENTION, WE DOUBT THAT THEY WILL UNDERTAKE MUCH, IF ANY, POLICING OF THEIR OWN. SWISS SIMPLY LACK THE PERSONNEL TO COVER PRG ACTIVITIES, AND PRG IS BOUND TO RANK LOWER IN THEIR PRIORITIES THAN COVERAGE OF MOST OTHER COMMUNIST DIPLOMATS. MOREOVER, UN TERRITORY IS OFF LIMITS TO SWISS SECURITY PERSONNEL.

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